

as parents: this will materially aid him; he will learn the peculiar trials and temptations which surround his scholars, and be able to do something towards meeting them. If he meets his pupils during the week, let him greet them with a smile; they should feel that he is ever their friend, ever ready to do them good. When they have gone beyond his immediate influence into other classes, still they should not be lost sight of; as far as opportunity occurs, let him still watch over them; let the remembrance of him ever live in their hearts.

We have drawn no ideal character, but one that has been exemplified in the lives of some. We have described nothing unattainable; what we have mentioned as qualifications are not only desirable but requisite. If we do not possess them, but would seek to be engaged in the work, then we must endeavor to acquire them. This we can do; we must pray and seek after personal holiness and piety; study the best models of teaching; give ourselves up to the work, and we shall be successful.—*Sunday-School Journal.*

### Youthful Profanity,—How can it be Checked?

How often do we find the axiom true, that one half of the world does not know how the other half lives! In too many instances we must come nearer home even than this. Observation teaches us that half the parents in the Christian world do not know how their children behave. How many a pious, doting father or mother is fostering a profane and wicked son! This is not the consequence of the teaching, but of the neglect of that parent. Not long since, a gentleman very severely reprimanded the teacher of his son for injuring his reputation, by reproving him for profanity in the presence of his mates. Upon appealing to those mates, the unanimous response was, that the son was the most profane boy among them. Had that father been faithful with his son, had he manifested for him a deep and anxious solicitude, had he watched over him like a tender plant and nipped in the bud the first shoots of ungodliness and sin, he could not have been ignorant of his son's depravity.

The writer of this article has under his care, as an instructor, about a hundred boys who reside in one of the finest cities of New England. Of these boys, ninety per cent. attend the different Sunday-schools of the city. The teacher had occasion some time since, to make some investigations respecting the prevalence of profanity in the school. To his utter astonishment *nine tenths* of the boys were addicted to this degrading habit! Many of these boys were the children of professing Christians,—some of officers in the church.

Is it so in other cities in New England? If so what might we expect from those portions

of our land, where there are no Sunday-schools, and were the gospel is very seldom preached? But what can be done for these, who will very soon constitute the very frame work of our society? Parents and teachers must be more effectually aroused, that they may more deeply realize their responsibility as educators of the immortal spirit.

In the case alluded to above, it became evident that something must be done immediately. The nature of the vice was explained, and its folly, its vulgarity and its enormity, fully illustrated. It was then proposed to adopt some plan by which it might be removed. The boys themselves were requested to propose any plan which might occur to them. After a few days, an idea was thought of by a leading, but very profane boy, which met with their hearty approval. According to his suggestion, a pledge was drawn up, declaring that they would never again be guilty of this great sin. It was signed by ninety four of the boys. About six months have elapsed since this occurred, and the writer has been unable to learn that more than two have broken their pledge. One feature in this case encouraged the boys very much, viz., the plan was theirs, and they alone solicited each other to enroll their names in that noble list.

Fellow teacher! wherever you may be, behold the field before you all ripe for the harvest. Much must be done, and done quickly, or this will be a nation of ungodly men. Let every Christian, whether he be a parent or teacher, or whatever be his relations to the young, go and seek out and strive to reclaim, some of those lost, wandering ones.—*Sunday-School Journal.*

### Thoughts for Teachers.

Every child has a heart, as well as a body and mind. You must remember this, and educate the heart; otherwise you will get only intellect and force, such as were displayed by Byron and Bonaparte. Endeavor to unite all in one, for then you will be educating a race of Wilberforces, Alfreds, and Washingtons.

There must be life, love, and affection in teaching; these will reach and touch the heart.

Redeem the time. The life-blood of the soul runs out in wasted moments.

"All they whom truth and wisdom lead  
Can gather honey from a weed."

Keep your armor tight, and keep it bright. If we do not care for our own souls, the care of others will not avail us.

Heaven is your home, therefore often think about it.

Jesus lived for you, and requires in turn that you should live for him.